

House Resolution No. 740

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations and individuals who have dedicated themselves to providing much-needed services to local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the Black River Electric Cooperative and its esteemed Chief Executive Officer, Thomas J. Steska, have been selected for the 110% Award sponsored by KTJJ and the Fredericktown Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the prestigious 110% Award will be presented to the Black River Electric Cooperative on Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the Fredericktown Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet; and

Whereas, Black River Electric Cooperative was formed on February 25, 1938, to provide electricity to a service area that encompasses the southeast Missouri counties of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Dent, Iron, Madison, Perry, Reynolds, Shannon, St. Francois, and Wayne; and

Whereas, owned and operated by the members it serves, Black River Electric Cooperative is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors which helps ensure that the democratically-run organization returns excess revenues to its members in the form of capital credits and keeps the cost of electricity low through a competitive rate structure; and

Whereas, Black River Electric Cooperative has been headed since 2001 by CEO Thomas Steska who began his employment in August 1972 and has since held the increasingly responsible positions of lineman, journeyman, crew leader, manager of maintenance, and acting manager; and

Whereas, Tom Steska completed an intensive management internship program in 2000 through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to further enhance his knowledge and skills as a utility industry leader who is also President of the Missouri Right of Way Association:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of the Black River Electric Cooperative for the 110% Award from the Fredericktown Chamber of Commerce and to convey to the organization's administrators, employees, and members this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued stellar service for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Black River Electric Cooperative and its Chief Executive Officer, Thomas J. Steska.

Offered by _____

Representative Rod Jetton

Speaker Pro Tem

District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 740, adopted March 7

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker